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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OLD ET AL.

Examiner

Robert Shiao

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on responses filed on 03/17, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-13, 16-20 and 23-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14, 15, 21, 22 and 31-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/28/03, 1/18/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment of claims 14, 21-22, addition of claims 31-34 in the amendment filed on March 14, 2005, is acknowledged. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Since the newly added claims 31-34 are commensurate with the scope of the invention, therefore, claims 1-34 are prosecuted in the case.

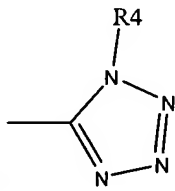
Responses to Election/Restriction

2. Applicant's election with traverse without argument of Group IV claims 14-15 and 21-22, in part, in the reply filed on March 17, 2005, is acknowledged.

Status of the Claims

3. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. The scope of the invention of the elected subject matter is as follows:

Claims 14-15, and 21-22, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), wherein the variable Z represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, aromatic radical, or heterocyclic aromatic radical chlorobenzothiophenyl or benzothiophenyl thereof;



the variable R does not represents variables W, Y, R¹, R², and R³ are as defined in claim 1. Since the newly added claims 31-34 are commensurate with the elected subject matter, therefore, claims 31-34 are prosecuted along with claims 14-15 and 21-22. Claims 14-15, 21-22, and 31-34 in part, embraced in above elected subject matter, are prosecuted in the case. Claims 14-15, 21-22, and 31-34, in part, not

embraced in above elected subject matter, and claims 1-13, 16-20, and 23-30, are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made **FINAL**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

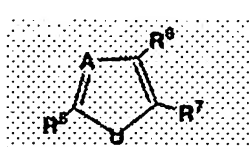
The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 14-15, 21-22, and 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

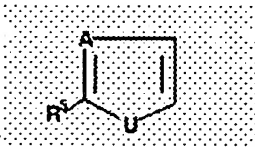
Claims 14 and 21, i.e., claim 14, lines 9-10, recites limitation "R⁴" without limitation, is ambiguous and indefinite. Incorporation of the limitation of "R⁴" of formula (I) into the claims would obviate the rejection, see page 6, lines 4-7.

Objection

5. Claims 14-15, 21-22, and 31-34 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter, i.e., heterocyclic or heteroaryl of variable Z, formula



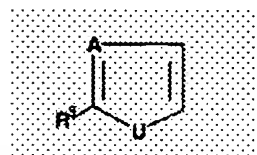
or



of claims 31 and 33, etc. It is suggested

that applicants amend the claims to the scope of the elected subject matter as defined on the pages 2-3 *supra*.

6. Claim 31 is objected. It appears there are typographic errors of the phrase "Z is



wherein U is selected from" and "R⁶ and R⁷ are selected from", see claim 31, page 4, lines 1-4, and page 5, lines 3-8. Correction is required.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Shiao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0707. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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